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SUBJECT: FINNISH FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH HUNGARY, BULGIARIA
AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1. WE INFORMED DE KERGORLAY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE EC
COMMISSION, THAT THE US SEES ITS OBJECTIVES AS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF
THE COMMISSION IN THE GATT EXAMINATION OF THE "FREE TRADE AREA
AGREEMENTS" BETWEEN FINLAND AND THE SEVERAL EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
IN THAT WE WISH TO AVOID DIFFICULTY FOR THE FINNS
BUT ALSO AVOID SETTING PRECEDENTS FOR SIMILAR EAST EUROPEAN
AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. WE OUTLINED THE US VIEW
THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE WORKING PARTY
BEGIN A PROMPT EXAMINATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS (REFTEL).

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2. DE KERGORLAY RESPONDED THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT US AND COMMISSION OBJECTIVES WERE SIMILAR AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY HE FELT THAT THE TACTICS IN THE SITUATION COULD BEST BE LEFT WITH OUR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS AT GENEVA. HE SAW NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM IN CALLING FOR A PROMPT FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES MIGHT PERHAPS ASK MORE SEARCHING QUESTIONS THAN DID THE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT IT WOULD SOON BECOME APPARENT THAT IT WILL TAKE TIME TO ACCUMULATE THE TRADE DATA WHICH THE WORKING PARTY WILL NEED. THOUGH HE SAW NO GREAT PROBLEM IN A RAPID BEGINNING TO THE WORKING PARTY, HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE AWKWARD TO TRY TO REACH A PROMPT WORKING PARTY CONCLUSION SINCE WE WOULD IN SHORT ORDER BE FACED BY THE NEED FOR DECISION AMONG A SERIES OF UNATTRACTIVE OPTIONS. HE FEARED THAT THE US TACTICS MIGHT BE LEADING TOWARD A FAIRLY RAPID WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDATION IN FACE OF A WAIVER, WHICH HE BELIEVED THE FINNS WOULD FIND UNACCEPTABLE.

3. DE KERGORLAY SAID THAT HIS AND OURS WERE, HOWEVER, MERELY SOMEWHAT DIFFERING ASSESSMENTS OF THE TACTICAL SITUATION, WHICH COULD BEST BE SETTLED AT GENEVA. HE INDICATED HIS WISH THAT THE US AND THE EC CONTINUE TO COORDINATE CLOSELY ON THESE ISSUES. GREENWALD UNQTE KISSINGER

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